



2026 Making the Most of Your Federal Grants September 21, 2026 Primex Building, Concord, NH



Agenda

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| 8:30am - 8:55am | Registration, Coffee, & Light Refreshments |
| 8:55am - 9:00am | Welcome & Introductions - Heather Barker, Student Services Center Director, NHSAA |
| 9:00am - 10:00am | Grants Update & Uniform Guidance Review - Jessica Lescarbeau, Bureau Administrator, Bureau of Instructional Support, NHED
(See info. on page 2) |
| 10:00am - 10:15am | Refreshment Break |
| 10:15am - 11:15am | Grants Management System - Jessica Lescarbeau, Bureau Administrator, Bureau of Instructional Support, NHED
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| 11:15am - 12:15pm | Title 1 Part A - Melinda Pfaff, Title 1, Part A Education Consultant & Christina Dotson, Title 1, Part A Education Consultant, NHED
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| 12:15pm - 1:00pm | Buffet Luncheon |
| 1:00pm - 2:00pm | Title II Part A - Robert Dawson, Federal Education Grant Program Consultant, Title IIA, Part A Education Consultant, NHED
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| 2:00pm - 3:00pm | Title IV Part A - Melinda Pfaff, Title 1, Part A Education Consultant & Christina Dotson, Title 1, Part A Education Consultant, NHED
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| 3:00pm - 4:00pm | IDEA - Rebecca Fredette, State Director of Special Education, NHED
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| 4:00pm - 4:15pm | Wrap-up & Adjournment |

Session Information

Grants Update & Uniform Guidance Review - *Jessica Lescarbeau, Bureau Administrator, Bureau of Instructional Support, NHED*

Stay up to date on key federal grant developments affecting school districts. This session will provide school district leaders with a practical review of recent regulatory changes, including proposed updates to the Uniform Grant Guidance (UGG) and the potential impact of a Continuing Resolution. Participants will also receive an overview of the 2026–2027 grant templates, upcoming grant-related workshops, and expectations for monitoring. The session will highlight important compliance considerations and provide an opportunity to prepare for upcoming changes and requirements.

Grants Management System - *Jessica Lescarbeau, Bureau Administrator, Bureau of Instructional Support, NHED*

Explore the key features and processes of the Grants Management System and how they support effective grant administration at the district level. This session will provide an overview of system access and internal controls, navigating grant applications, managing and documenting grant activities, completing monthly reports, and preparing for grant closeout. Participants will gain practical guidance to help ensure accurate reporting, strong internal controls, and compliance throughout the grant lifecycle.

Title I | Part A - *Melinda Pfaff, Title 1, Part A Education Consultant & Christina Dotson, Title 1, Part A Education Consultant, NHED*

Gain a practical understanding of key Title I, Part A requirements and considerations for effective program administration. This session will review allowability requirements, the distinctions between Targeted Assistance Schools (TAS) and Schoolwide Programs (SWP), and the distribution of Title I funds, including rank order and the 125% rule. Participants will also explore Title I program planning considerations and have an opportunity to ask questions and discuss common challenges related to implementation and compliance.

Title II, Part A - *Robert Dawson, Federal Education Grant Program Consultant, Title IIA, Part A Education Consultant, NHED*

Explore key requirements and effective practices for managing Title II, Part A funds to support educator effectiveness and student achievement. This session will review allowability requirements and examine how Title II-funded activities should connect to identified needs and academic achievement. Participants will also be introduced to Title II templates and exemplars designed to support effective program planning, documentation, and compliance. Time will be provided for questions and discussion.

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Title IV | Part A - Melinda Pfaff, Title 1, Part A Education Consultant & Christina Dotson, Title 1, Part A Education Consultant, NHED

This session contains a practical overview of Title IV, Part A requirements and considerations for effectively planning and using these federal funds. Participants will explore key areas of compliance, including allowability and spending limitations, as well as the different types of needs assessments that can inform funding decisions. The session will also examine strategies for prioritizing Title IV, Part A funds in collaboration with stakeholders to ensure resources are aligned with identified needs and district priorities. Time will be provided for questions and discussion to support participants in applying these concepts within their own districts.

IDEA - Rebecca Fredette, State Director of Special Education, NHED

This session will give attendees a practical overview of the fiscal requirements associated with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). Participants will explore key considerations related to allowability, grant timelines, and fiscal requirements, with an emphasis on maintaining compliance and supporting effective use of IDEA funds. The session will also highlight the importance of strategic fiscal oversight, including planning, monitoring, and aligning resources with district priorities and the needs of students with disabilities. Time will be provided for questions and discussion to help participants apply these concepts within their districts.



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